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| In re Application of                     | § | Art Group: 2612        |
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| For: Link Module for a Downhole Drilling | § |                        |
| Network                                  | § |                        |

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is timely submitted in response to the Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed April 17, 2006 for which the shortened – statutory period for response is set to expire on July 17, 2006. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: